



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Council approval for East Side Improvement Committee to request donation from local corporation for lighting

MEETING DATE: January 19, 1994

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council authorize the East Side Improvement Committee to proceed with its lighting project as requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The East Side Improvement Committee believes that enhanced outdoor lighting, in any form, can contribute to an improved sense of security in our community. The committee has discovered an opportunity to obtain funding to support this activity. It is the committee's intention to distribute outdoor light fixtures to private property owners for no, or nominal, fee. To guarantee that fixtures are actually installed, the committee will arrange for the proper installation of each one. It will then become the property owners' responsibility to maintain the fixture and pay for electricity. Since a relationship has been established between the City and the committee, and the project will exceed \$5,000, it was felt that Council should be made aware of this project and approval obtained. Ms. Virginia Snyder will be present to expand on this item.

FUNDING: None

Respectfully Submitted,

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TO: Lodi City Council
FROM: Virginia Snyder, Eastside Improvement Committee
RE: Requests for Council consideration

At the last council meeting, Mr. Dennis Cochran alluded to some sort of payment to me. I've had several phone calls asking what he meant. I have no idea of what he was talking about, but I do want to make one thing perfectly clear; neither myself nor any member of the Eastside Improvement Committee receives any salary or gratuity for our work. Each of us donates the use of our homes for sub-committee meetings, office supplies, telephone calls, computers, utilities, automobiles, gasoline, and many other items. Committee members juggle their jobs, families, and homes to donate many, many hours of their time to our work. No one connected with the Eastside Committee receives one dime for his or her efforts, and that's the way we want it. We have absolutely no intentions of putting anyone on salary. We are engaged in this effort because we are convinced we can make a difference in our community. We have a little over nine hundred dollars in our checking account which has all been donated by the citizens of Lodi. We're very frugal with those funds, they're strictly accounted for, and our financial reports are available to anyone who would care to examine them.

Tonight, I bring three items for council consideration.

1. We request that you study the feasibility of instituting a yearly curbside pickup of household discards that are too big to fit in garbage cans or plastic bags; we're talking about discarded furniture, refrigerators, lumber, and such items. The eastside cleanup week last October made it clear that residents will clean up their trash when they have some way of disposing of it. Many people don't have trucks or other vehicles for hauling trash and we would like to see a program that includes almost anything except hazardous waste.

If a yearly cleanup would increase garbage rates, we hope it is possible for you to place the matter on the June ballot so the citizens of Lodi can decide whether they want such a service. If that isn't possible, perhaps a poll could be conducted with the mailing of utility bills.

We believe the city can benefit from such a cleanup in many ways: a reduction in breeding grounds for rats and roaches, elimination of safety hazards for children, and an increase in property values and an increase in the number of eastside home buyers as the signs of creeping blight disappear.

Also, we hope you will consider including the routine pickup of used motor oil from residences. A December 26 article in the Stockton Record (please see over) describes how Manteca offers such a curbside service and collects an average of four hundred gallons a week. In one year, this is over twenty thousand gallons of used oil which does not find its way into the groundwater, our rivers, or the delta. The used motor oil is stored in plastic milk jugs and placed at curbside along with other recyclables. The used oil is sold to an East Bay refinery where it is cleaned and resold to retail customers. Maybe this would generate some income to help offset the cost of curbside pickup. The article states used oil is a valuable resource that can be used over and over again. Manteca receives \$13,770.00 from the state to help its oil recycling program. Maybe Lodi could qualify for a similar grant to help offset the cost, and there may be other grants available to the city.

Note: A copy of this page has been sent to Dave Vaccerezza at California Waste.

Waste solution



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OIL DISPOSAL: Rod Schmidt, a refuse worker for Manteca, dumps oil at the city's corporation yard in a new program that features used-oil pickups at curbsides. San Joaquin County will begin recycling used oil next year.

County to recycle used oil

By Andrew Pollack
The Stockton Record

Next year when you crawl under your car to change the oil, San Joaquin County will make it easier to get rid of the old oil you drain from the car.

Aided by a state grant of almost \$150,000, the county plans to set up

five used-motor oil recycling centers. Residents will be able to take the oil to the centers and receive a 4-cent-a-quart rebate.

Manteca makes it even more convenient for do-it-yourself mechanics. The city of Manteca collects motor oil at the curb with other recycled mate-

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rials such as newspaper and glass bottles.

Manteca, too, will receive \$13,770 from the state to help its oil-recycling program.

Oil dumping is a particular concern for communities such as those in San Joaquin County that rely on groundwater for irrigation and drinking water, said Alison Hudson, the county's household hazardous-waste coordinator. The nearby Delta waterways also are vulnerable to oil pollution, she said.

"Oil is one of the quickest ways in which you can dirty your Delta and your waterways. We have to keep it clean and beautiful so we can enjoy it," Hudson said.

"There are a lot of opportunities for people to do the wrong thing; we want to give them the opportunity to do the right thing," she said of the recycling program.

Now, home mechanics can recycle oil through the county's quarterly household hazardous-waste collection days. Some area oil-change and car-tuneup businesses also accept used motor oil.

The state's grant will enable the county to establish recycling centers where residents can drop off their used oil. The oil will be sent to a refinery to be recycled.

Hudson said the program is being developed and must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before it can start next year. Locations for the oil recycling centers have not been selected.

Katherine Holmes, recycling coordinator in Manteca, said her

city's curbside pickup program "is one of the few in the state. The city, which began the program in 1986, collects an average of 400 gallons a week.

"I suspect we don't have much of an illegal dumping problem in Manteca because of the curbside service we offer," she said.

Residents are asked to put the oil in plastic containers like milk bottles. The oil collected from Manteca residents is stored at the city's corporation yard. A truck picks it up once a week and delivers it to an East Bay refinery.

The refinery cleans the oil of the toxics it has acquired while working in a car's engine and reprocesses it.

"Motor oil doesn't wear out, it just gets dirty," Holmes said.

Said Hudson, "It's a very valuable resource. You can use it over and over and over again."

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Item #2. Since the yearly distribution of block grant funds is approaching, we urgently request that you consider a lighting project for eastside alleys from those funds. Many residents live in those alleys, street lighting is almost non-existent, and those are dark and dangerous places to be.

The darkness protects drug dealers and their customers, street gangs who terrorize neighborhoods, and those thieves who steal everything that's loose--automobile batteries, hub caps, bicycles, lawn furniture, garden hoses, children's toys, you name it.

After talking with Mr. Hans Hansen, Assistant Utility Director for the City of Lodi, we've learned there is a possibility that dusk-to-dawn lighting could be installed in the alleys on existing utility poles in many cases. If this idea is workable, the cost savings would be enormous and allow the city to install many more lights.

Also, since the use of federal funds is usually accompanied by stringent requirements for citizen participation, a clipping from The Stockton Record triggered an idea which might benefit Lodi. The article speaks of a panel of citizens who help decide how block grant monies are spent. This committee of 15 members reviews proposals made by community groups who request funds. One third of the panel is made up of persons who reside in the target area, one third of the panel represents each member of the city council, and one third of the panel is chosen from the community at large. This is an advisory group and the final decisions rest with the city council.

Lodi will receive approximately \$675,000.00 this year, and organizations are already standing in line for funding. A citizens' panel might be helpful as you are forced to make some painful choices.

Stockton panel seeks members

The Stockton Record

Stockton City Council members are searching for residents to help decide how the city should spend more than \$4.6 million in federal funds.

Council members are asking those interested in serving on the Community Development Committee to complete an application at the city manager's office by Jan. 17.

Last year, the city received a neighborhood Knights \$4.6 million Community Development Block Grant from the federal government. Addition/Fairview Terrace; Fair Oaks/East Main/Burkett Acres and the Magnolia District.

The committee of 15 members reviews proposals made by community groups to use the federal grant. The council needs to fill eight vacancies.

Four of the vacant seats must be filled by people who live in four areas targeted for community-development projects: Taft

Four of the new members will represent the following council members: Floyd Weaver, Sylvia Sun Minnick, Loralee McGaughey and Ted Gonzales.

For more information, call the city's Department of Housing and Community Development at 944-8339. Wes

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Item #3. AGENDA ITEM.

The Eastside Improvement Committee requests council consent for us to apply to a local corporation for a \$25,000.00 grant.

If you consent and if we do qualify for that grant, we intend to use it to promote the idea of better lighting on private property. It's a proven fact that good lighting is a deterrent to crime, and we want to encourage citizens to take the initiative in protecting their homes and businesses.

Mr. McNatt has advised us such a project should be subjected to open bidding. Depending upon the bid, we have in mind the placement of security lights on private property; either a motion-detector light or a dusk-to-dawn light.

Each light would be installed by a licensed electrician. If we can hold to an average of \$100.00 each, we expect to be able to provide approximately two hundred installed lights. Some installation costs might exceed that \$100.00 target amount, but the cost of installing a motion-detector light in an existing outlet would be far below the target amount. We would like to set aside \$5,000.00 as a contingency fund for extraordinary costs.

We're looking for ideas on how to allocate the lights. The best idea we've come up with so far is to give lighting certificates as door prizes at our Eastside Committee monthly meetings. If you have a better idea, we'd like to hear it.

We respectfully request your consent to apply for a donation of \$25,000.00. If approved, we will consult with city staff on the implementation of this project.

Thank you for your time.